

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING





Monday, August 3, 2020

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT ANNOUNCES TESTING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 3-7

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For the week of August 3 the schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, August 4 from noon to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6 from noon to 7 p.m.
- Friday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing will be available to those who are:

- Sick and have developed any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days:
 - o Fever,
 - o Chills,
 - o Cough,
 - o Difficulty breathing,
 - o Fatigue,
 - Muscle pain or body aches,
 - Headache,
 - Sore throat,
 - Runny nose or nasal congestion, or
 - o New loss of taste or smell.
- Asymptomatic individuals who:
 - o Are a close contact of a confirmed case, or
 - Live in a congregate setting, like a shelter, group home or assisted living facility, or
 - Work in a location that has had a case,
 - o Part of a family or social network that has had a case, or
 - Work in healthcare, EMS, law enforcement or other fields where work settings have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, or
 - Are part of a racial or ethnic group that has been disproportionately impacted by this virus in terms of rate or severity of cases (this includes people who are Black, Latinx, Native American/Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander).

Registration is now open at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

Snohomish County case rate decreases slightly

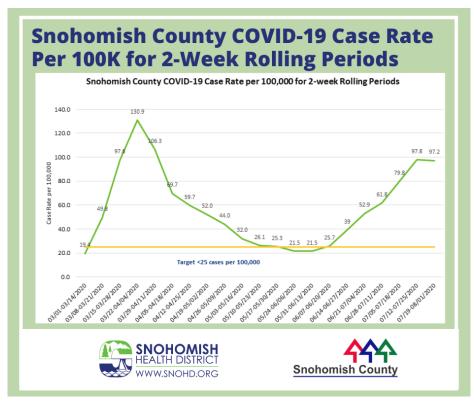
After six weeks of increasing case rates, Snohomish County saw a slight decrease in new cases per 100,000 population for the period from July 19 to August 1.

We're still at nearly 100 cases per 100,000 population, and we need everyone to keep up the efforts to reduce the spread COVID. Remember:

SNOHOMISH COUNTY CASE RATE DECREASES SLIGHTLY

Snohomish County is still at nearly 100 cases per 100,000 population. Keep up your efforts to reduce the spread of COVID.

- Wear a face cover in shared spaces, including outdoors if you cannot maintain at least six feet of distance from others
- Wash your hands often, and use hand sanitizer when you don't have a sink and soap nearby.
- Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces in your home and workspace
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, and get tested if you have symptoms of COVID
- Avoid large gatherings, and keep social groups small (five or fewer from outside your household) and consistent



SNOHOMISH COUNTY'S COMMUNITY COVID OUTREACH COUNSELORS ARE HERE TO HELP

Call 2-1-1 to get connected to a Community COVID Outreach Counselor.

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Any Snohomish County resident feeling blue from the stressors caused by COVID-19 can reach out to the Community COVID Outreach Counselors.

Please call **2-1-1** to get connected.

For more information please read Snohomish County's news release.



SUDDENLY DRAGONS – ARLINGTON RECOILS FROM COVID WITH DRAGONS

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Dragons are a symbol of strength and power for many cultures around the world. For the artists involved, they are also a small step towards recovery from the COVID pandemic. "Dragons are a gateway between the natural world and our imagination," said Monica Bretherton,

originator of the project. "That's obviously a significant relationship, because we have been creating art about them for at least ten thousand years." Dragons also have special appeal for young people, encouraging imagination, discovery and exploration.

In this case, it is a chance to do a little socially distanced exploration of downtown Arlington where dragons have taken up residence in the windows of businesses around during the month of August 2020. Each of Arlington's dragons is unique in style and materials and was created by a local artist for this project. Karen Lewis, an Arlington artist who works with found objects, said, "Suddenly Dragons has been a fun way to revisit needle arts and share in my love of whimsy."

The Wind Dragons along Centennial Trail just north of the Depot, were created by Bretherton, and were originally intended to tie in to Arlington's annual Fly-In Festival. They are now more of a tribute, as is the Dragon Fly-In of small mailed-in dragons that is an exhibit in the windows of the Arlington Depot.

Each dragon has a sign with a link to its own webpage with more information about the host and the artist, and to help in finding them, a map is available at the information board outside the Arlington Depot, next to the Burmashave-style signs that announce the project.

Suddenly Dragons is a public art adventure funded by the City of Arlington's Public Art Program.

For more information please read Arlington's **E-Newsletter**.

EDMONDS FOOD BANK, WATERFRONT CENTER EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP ON SENIOR AND OR DISABILITY FOOD DELIVERY

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Edmonds Food Bank and Edmonds Waterfront Center have expanded their food delivery partnership to now include deliveries to households with one or more disabled individual.

Seniors (60+) and/or an individual with a disability who are interested in receiving home deliveries from the Edmonds Food Bank, can call 206-705-3637 or email info@edmondsfoodbank.org. Recipients don't have to live in Edmonds to be eligible

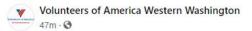
Pop Up Food Pantry coming to MLT: Friday, August 7

Volunteers of America of Western Washington (VOAWW) is working with the City of Mountlake Terrace (MLT) to hold a pop up food pantry on Friday, August 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location is adjacent to the former Roger's Market location at 57th Avenue W and 232nd Street SW.

For those needing food, you may either walk up or drive through the pop up pantry while complying with physical distancing measures. Residents who cannot attend can request delivery service. The City will also provide cloth face masks for those who request them. In addition to non-perishable items, fresh produce is also available in partnership with Farmer Frog and EastWest Food Rescue.

For those interested in volunteering, you may sign up here and if you would like food delivered, please sign up here. Food is available to anyone whether a Mountlake Terrace resident or not.

For more information, please read Mountlake Terrace's <u>news release</u> or contact <u>mltvoawwfb@gmail.com</u>; (425) 610-9088.



We're excited to partner with the City of Mountlake Terrace Government to support a one-day Pop Up Food Pantry next Friday, August 7th from 11am - 1pm.

City leaders have lined up wonderful partners to provide food and other services to visitors, including Concern for Neighbors Food Bank, Cedarwood Int'l Food Bank, Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center at Ballinger Park, Creekside Church, Mountlake Terrace Community Foundation, Edmonds College, Mountlake Terrace Police, Farmer Frog, EastWest Food Rescue, Kindness Rocks MLT, South County Fire.



CLOTHES FOR KIDS WILL OPEN AT A SAFE DISTANCE

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The local non-profit, Clothes for Kids, empowers students through clothes. Last year, over 4,500 Snohomish County low-income children were served by Clothes for Kids. Clothes for Kids is available to any child who attends school in Snohomish County or the Northshore School District (Head Start/ECEAP through 12th grade).

Back-to-school clothing distribution at Clothes For Kids, located in Lynnwood, will begin on August 3, 2020:

- Opening day for school shopping: Monday, Aug. 3, 2020
- School shopping hours available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Aug. 15th, Aug. 29th, Sept. 12th, Sept. 26th, Oct. 17th, Nov. 14th, Jan. 23rd, Feb. 20th.
- Last day of school shopping this school year: March 26, 2021.

To ensure safety, Clothes for Kids has adopted a new appointment system, which will provide each family space to maintain social distancing while picking out clothing. Interested families can request an appointment by filling out a form for each student in their household. In addition, Clothes for Kids is offering a take-out style option where volunteers will pull clothing for students and set a time for the family to pick the clothing up within one week.

Questions? Please email: office@clothesforkids.org or call 425-741-6500. For more information or to sign up please visit Clothes for Kids webpage.

NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT HOSTS WEBINAR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVICTION MORATORIUM EXTENSION: TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 FROM NOON TO 1 P.M.

A webinar hosted by the Northwest Justice Project will explain what the eviction moratorium means for tenants.

INSLEE ANNOUNCES CLARIFICATION TO RESTAURANT GUIDANCE, NEW SUMMER CAMP GUIDANCE

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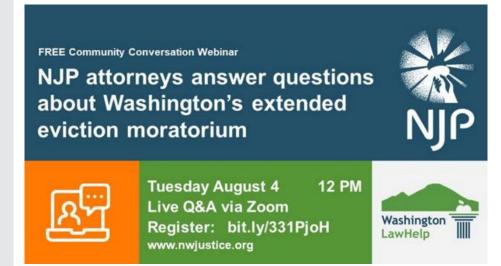
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Northwest Justice Project hosts webinar to answer questions about the eviction moratorium extension: Tuesday, August 4 from noon -1 P.M.

Washington's eviction moratorium was extended until October 15, 2020. What does that mean for tenants and what happens after the moratorium ends?

Join the Northwest Justice Project's attorneys to answer questions about rent, evictions, and other issues facing tenants during the COVID-19 crisis.

To attend the webinar, please register.



Inslee announces clarification to restaurant guidance, new summer camp guidance

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Changes include clarification about which establishments can offer indoor seating, temporary outdoor seating guidance and counter-style seating clarifications.

- Read the full restaurants, taverns, breweries, wineries and distilleries guidance document here.
- Read the attached memo <u>here</u>.

Inslee also released additional guidance related to overnight group summer camps.

Per the guidance, overnight group summer camps or similar activities must ensure strict adherence to all measures established by the Governor's guidance, the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention: General Requirements and Prevention Ideas for Workplaces, and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations (DOH).

- Read the full overnight group summer camps guidance here.
- Read the attached memo <u>here</u>.

Find a full list of current reopening guidance here.

Inslee extends 25 proclamations relating to COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of 25 proclamations in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The extensions were approved by the state Legislature.

A July 30 <u>letter</u> from the Legislature extends the following proclamations until September 1, 2020.

20-15.6: Department of Licensing (20-15.5)

- 20-20.6: Department of Revenue -- Relief from Penalties, Fees, Interest, Due Dates (20-20.5)
- 20-21.6: Unemployment Benefit 1 Week Waiver (20-21.5)
- 20-23.7: Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services (20-23.6)

\$100 MILLION RENTAL ASSISTANCE HEADED TO WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES

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- <u>20-27.6</u>: Electronic Notary (<u>20-27.5</u>)
- 20-28.8: Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act (20-28.7)
- 20-29.6: Telemedicine (20-29.5)
- 20-30.6: Unemployment Benefit Job Search Requirement (20-30.5)
- 20-31.6: Division of Child, Youth, and Families Child Care and Background Checks (20-31.5)
- <u>20-32.6</u>: Department of Health Health Care Workers (<u>20-32.5</u>)
- 20-33.9: Visitation and Remedial Services (20-33.8)
- 20-36.4: Department of Health Health Care Facilities and Hand Sanitizer (20-36.3)
- 20-37.6: Department of Social & Health Services NAR Waiver (20-37.5)
- 20-38.6: Department of Social & Health Services Facilities (20-38.5)
- 20-41.7: Department of Licensing License and Permit Renewal Extension (20-41.6)
- 20-43.5: Office of Financial Management, State Human Resources Division Annual Leave and Pay Procedures (20-43.4)
- 20-44.5: Nursing Home Transfer or Discharge for COVID-19 Cohorting Purposes (20-44.4)
- <u>20-45.5</u>: Protection Orders and Personal Service (<u>20-45.4</u>)
- 20-48.5: Department of Licensing CDL Health Certificates and Other Requirements (20-48.4)
- 20-51.6: Community Associations Meetings and Late Fees (20-51.5)
- <u>20-52.5</u>: Statewide Orders Relating to Long-Term Care (<u>20-52.4</u>)
- 20-56.3: Tribal Fuel Tax Refund Restrictions (20-56.2)
- 20-58.2: Shared Work (20-58.1)
- <u>20-59.2</u>: Temporary Licensing Dental and Pharmacy Graduates (<u>20-59.1</u>)
- 20-63.1: Department of Social and Health Services Family Emergency Assistance Program (20-63)

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"Funds addressing Washington's homelessness crisis were limited before the pandemic, and the need is deepening as this pandemic continues to push more people toward the brink while we work to carefully reopen our economy," said Commerce Director Lisa Brown. "We are targeting limited resources as quickly and equitably as possible, to those with the greatest needs."

This rent assistance program will address some of the need resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, and hopes to reduce some of the stress both renters and landlords are facing now and in the future. Rent assistance is limited to three months and the program ends Dec. 31, 2020.

A survey recently showed 17% of renters in Washington state missed their July rent payment. Since February, state's employment has declined 12% – over twice that of the worst point in the Great Recession – and use of basic food assistance programs has increased by 15%.

Commerce provided guidance and formula-based grant amounts to its Consolidated Homeless Grant program lead grantees and organizations serving the Office of Homeless Youth in every county of the state. These organizations will use grant funds to provide up to three months of rent assistance that will be paid to landlords on an eligible client's behalf. Complete program information is on the Commerce web page.

Equity is a primary program goal, with a focus on groups of people who historically have not been provided equitable access to rent assistance and those who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. These communities include ethnic and racial minorities, immigrants and refugees, individuals who identify as LGBTQ+, individuals with disabilities or who are deaf and Native Americans.

Funding is expected to begin making its way into communities late this week.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health dashboard.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- Snohomish Health District
- Snohomish County
- Snohomish County COVID- 19
 Response & Community Resource
 Hub
- Washington State
- <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: 425-388-3944
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish:
 425-388-7120
- Washington State COVID-19
 Hotline: Call 1-800-525-0127 or text
 211-211 for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 3, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Confirmed	5,230 (up 127 cases from 7/31)
Probable	655 (up 28 from 7/31)
Deaths	189

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Arlington	243 (147 recovered)
Bothell*	443 (260 recovered)
Brier	30 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	501 (370 recovered)
Everett	1,730 (1,143 recovered)
Gold Bar	8 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	40 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	265 (157 recovered)
Lynnwood	953 (684 recovered)
Marysville	501 (340 recovered)
Mill Creek	96 (57 recovered)
Monroe	201 (104 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	168 (125 recovered)
Mukilteo	97 (75 recovered)
Snohomish	338 (189 recovered)
Stanwood	164 (117 recovered)
Sultan	28 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	42 (26 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (14 recovered)
Woodway	9 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.